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## GEORGE DANIELS DAY, 3RD ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE FREE BARBECUE, FIELD DAY MAY 30TH

M.H.A. members are invited to be George Daniels' guests at another of those memorable Days! Here's the program:

1. 9:30 a. m.: Riders will meet at Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park, where tickets for the free barbecue will be distributed to M.H.A. members only, and where the trail ride will begin. Movie cameramen will be on hand.

2. A two-hour trail ride will follow, ending about noon at the old Race Track.

3. Free barbecue at the race track. (Arrangements are being made to provide facilities for tying the horses.)

4. Field Day: Bud Vogel, Activities Chairman, and Cornelia Cress have planned plenty of exciting events for both western and flat saddle contestants. Ribbons will be awarded to the winners.

Remember: your M.H.A. membership card for 1950 is the only requirement for the barbecue, and the only entry fee for the field events. Better get that check for \$3.00 to Mabel Smith, Treasurer, at the Alameda Co. Court House right away!

## OPEN MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST TO FEATURE OVERNIGHT RIDE MOVIES

Martin Silva of the Oakland Camera Club risked life and limb in a Jeep to record the trail ride, barbecue and gymkhana events at Crowe Canyon Park during the weekend of April 30th. He took seven hundred feet of colored film—all of which will be ready to show at the second big open meeting of the year. Here is your chance to live the trip over again—this time from an armchair.

**Horse Show Plans:** In addition to trail movies, the Horse Show of June 24th and 25th will be discussed at the Open Meeting, according to President Heber Brown, general chairman.

This is your chance to ask questions, give your opinion, speak your piece, and offer your help. It's your own Association—come and enjoy it!

The time: 8:00 p. m. The place: theatre of Sun Electric Corporation, 11th & Grove St., Oakland—an attractive meeting spot provided through the courtesy of M.H.A. member Bob Hubbard.

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# RECORD TURNOUT FOR OVERNIGHT RIDE

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By official count, 182 horsemen rode through the gate to begin the Murietta Overnight Trail Ride on Saturday afternoon, April 29th. This count did not include the two photographers' jeeps, manned by Dan Danielson and Martin Silva, movie cameraman of the Oakland Camera Club, Cliff and Mrs. Barbera of Colbourn's, Trail Blazer photographer, and Blanch Paul, M.H.A.'s publicity chairman.

Riders assembled at Skyline and Redwood Rd. at 12:30 p. m., where they were sent on their way by Pres. Heber Brown of M. H. A., Sheriff Jack Gleason, Police Chief Lester Divine, Mayor Rishell's Secretary Squires, and CSHA president Fred Anderson. Neighboring cities were represented by former and acting Mayor Phillips of Hayward.

Sheriff Gleason appointed Bill Pray, Bob Hubbard, Joe Merritt and Roger Farrar of the Sheriff's Posse to maintain order, enforce smoking regulations and see that gates were closed, inasmuch as special permission had been granted to ride through the property of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District.

Deputized, determined and armed, Hubbard and Pray fell in with Bud Vogel, Activities Chairman, who led the ride; Merritt and Farrar brought up the rear. Among the riders were the Fleet Medlins of Crowe Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of Hayward, who had come over to make the return trip.

From the Crossroads to the headquarters of the Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol at Rancho San Antonio, the Goebels sound truck and the Wildwood Stables' coach-and-four brought color and music.

As the trail narrowed to horse and jeep size, the riders learned why this was called the Murietta Ride: bandits and victims were strung strategically to trees along a route well marked with signs of warning, advice and questionable geographical significance. "Beer, 3 mi. down" brought tears to the eyes of the weary, and sure enough—around the bend in a clearing was the refreshment truck. No one but Harold Cummings knows how close it came to depositing its cooling contents at the foot of a cliff when the trailer broke loose. None but the riders know how welcome a sight it was.

On again, refreshed, through sun and shade, up hill and down, across streams, the riders continued—and suddenly out to Redwood Road. At this point a horse trailer or two awaited some week-end riders (other variations in spelling rejected here), and friends in cars waited to speed the party on its way.

Here Bill Noia's contribution to the ride became evident. At every turning, Bill had arranged for guides to meet the party, shepherding it safely to the next man posted ahead. The sincere thanks of the M.H.A. and the riders are here offered to Bill and to these property owners for permission to cross their land: Otto Curdts, George G. Rossini, Wilbert J. Meyers, Leonard Silvey and Carl Mosegaard.



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(Overnight Trail Ride—Cont.)

Along toward sunset the riders turned into Crowe Canyon Park, deep in green grass and already alive with people: some 30 members of the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Association, who had ridden from Danville; and other neighboring riders, as well as families and friends who had arrived by car.

Mel Coe had beef sizzling on his new electrically-turning spits, Dave Jones had beer and soft drinks on the counter in a flash, many bed rolls were unrolling; the Goebels sound truck manned by Jerry Cummings was calling advice; people were greeting people; Heber Brown was shaking hands, answering questions, and setting up pup tents seven miles from the nearest rest room; a dozen M.H.A. Juniors were vociferously starving; bedlam was general and wonderful.

After the Chuck Wagon had fed some 362 people, the crowd began to gather at the open air platform to dance. Guests and dignitaries were introduced by Past President Don Marquis, who made a gracious Master of Ceremonies. Fifth Region Vice-President Joe Massone, Trails Representative Cliff Clark, Hayward's acting Mayor Phillips, George Cardinet of the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association, CSHA President Anderson, Heber Brown and Bud Vogel were introduced.

Then Dusty Dale and his Trail Riders turned on the music, the riders unlimbered their knees and the night really began.

Square dances followed hot licks and polkas followed entertainment; the refreshment stand did a lively business, supervised by Dave Jones, aided by Harold Cummings, Kay Walling, Jerry and Cathy Jacobs, Neil and Jerry Sykes, Jack Simons and Bobbye Stewart.

The Activities Committee was everywhere: on the gate, patrolling the camp area, watching over the horses. The saddle that was seen being removed from the park on a bicycle started a flurry of alarm but it was a practical joke: the saddle came back. A purse containing money was lost—and found again next morning, money intact. The owner may claim it by calling Vianne Schumacher of the Activities Committee at GLencourt 2-4588.

### Wranglers Arrive:

The Castro Valley Wranglers, in full uniform and in a chartered bus, made a dramatic entrance and joined the dancing. Daylight Saving Time went into effect at midnight, and suddenly it was one a. m. Although dancing stopped, groups of people gathered around bonfires or had a last story to tell over the embers at the barbecue pit. . . Bud Vogel talked a lone rider into putting his horse away until morning. . . one bed roll was heard murmuring to another: "Well, at least you took your boots off!". . . the sound truck was still crowing like a rooster and one group still had songs to sing as the darkness before dawn settled over the park.

### Came the Dawn—and Field Day

Sunday arrived cold, gray, and far too soon, but that breakfast was delicious. Breakfast? Make it plural: eyewitnesses report that some people had three.

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## GYMKHANA EVENTS WORK UP GOOD CIRCULATION

(Overnight Trail Ride—Cont.)

George Walling, up betimes, managed the morning's gymkhana events, which included the race around stakes arranged in a quadrangle. This will be a new event in the State Blue Ribbon Show next October. Good time was made despite the grass, which made a somewhat slippery footing.

(Official winners and details will be reported in the next issue.)

During the morning, the crowd was entertained by that amazingly good junior group, "The Melody Boys."

When Bill Patten's Piedmont Stables truck and Frank Rukavina's trailer appeared right after the horse events, many a rider took advantage of the chance to send his horse home and arrange other transportation for himself.

At 12:30 p. m. 54 horsemen remained to make the ride back to Oakland. The return trip was supervised by Merritt and Farrar. It was a breezy day and a fast ride, with only the Juniors stopping to collect those Bandit Days trail signs along the way.

Back at the Park, the mop-up and finance crews went to work: Bud Vogel, Vianne Schumacher with bookkeeping on

her mind, Dutch and Harold Cummings, Neil and Jerry Sykes, Dave Jones and Heber Brown, with Manager Olson of Crowe Canyon Park.

Meanwhile in Oakland, come 6 p. m., Dan Danielson, who drove the beer truck and lent a helping hand everywhere, got himself married, with Mel Coe as best man . . . and we hope he lives happily ever after.

. . . And the next day,  
it  
rained.

### Ride a Financial Success

While the Overnight Ride was not planned to make money, a preliminary report shows more than \$150.00 profit, according to Bud Vogel of the Committee-with-the-Midas-touch: Activities. In addition, the M.H.A. has 700 feet of colored movies, a worthwhile record of one of the largest events of its kind.

### Photographs Are Available

Photographs of individuals and couples, as well as of the entire group on the Overnight Ride and Barbecue, were made by Cliff Barbera, the Trail Blazer's official photographer. M.H.A. members are invited to see them at the Colbourn Studios, 426 - 17th St., Oakland.

### CONTEST PRIZE DONORS

According to Harold Cummings of the Membership Committee, prizes have been donated for the Membership and Trails Donation Contests for April, May and June.

The M.H.A. Juniors may look forward to winning prizes valued at \$15 each from Walter Grondona, E. J. Carey, Hadley Cole, Roger Farrar, Joe Stern and John Corvi.

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# McNALLY TO MANAGE HORSE SHOW

## Office to Be in City Hall Plaza; Committees Named

Lonny McNally, recognized as one of the state's topflight horse show managers, has agreed to serve in that capacity for the 8th Annual M.H.A. Horse Show of June 24th and 25th, according to President Heber Brown, show director. In addition, McNally will be announcer at the show.

Centrally-located headquarters have been secured at The Hut in the City Hall Plaza, 1401 San Pablo Avenue. Show Secretary will be capable, decorative M. H.A. member Catherine Bacon Jacobs.

### HORSE SHOW COMMITTEES

Committee chairmen named by press time include:

Program: Jerry Jacobs.  
 Grounds: David C. Jones.  
 Tickets: Bud Vogel.  
 Finance: Walter Grondona.  
 Box Seats: Frank Colbourn.  
 Publicity: Blanch Paul.  
 Display Advertising: Bill Patten.  
 Public Relations: James A. Myers.  
 Ribbons - Trophies: Clarence Simons.  
 Ringmaster: George Walling.  
 Classifications - Entries: Deane Burton.  
 Parade: Don Marquis.

### CITY COUNCIL AND HORSEMEN TO IMPROVE ARENA AREA

The Oakland City Council has appropriated \$5,000 to improve the parking facilities and seating arrangements in the Sequoia Arena, Joaquin Miller Park. Upon recommendation of the Past Presidents' Committee, it was agreed that the M. H. A. purchase the necessary pipe to run water to the Arena, so that a sprinkling system may be installed, as well as sanitary facilities.

The Finance Committee, headed by Walter Grondona, is already at work to raise the necessary funds for this all-important project, so that horsemen may look forward to a completely satisfactory location for their shows.

The Park Department has purchased a machine which makes shavings of the cut trees, shrubbery and roots in the park—a material which, according to arena experts, makes a satisfactory footing.

In summary: for the 8th annual Horse Show, we will have oiled roads, ample parking space, flush toilets and wash basins near the arena, additional seating capacity, and water to settle the dust.

### CLASSES FOR JUNIORS UNDER 17 ON SATURDAY; ADULTS SUNDAY

As in the past, the show on Saturday afternoon, June 24, will be for entries of children under 17 years of age. With the tremendous interest in horsemanship among the younger generation of the state, this should be an excellent show for both audience and participants.

Classes for adults will be shown on Sunday, June 25th.

Plans are under way for a pre-show parade in Oakland.

### Tickets, Entry Blanks Soon

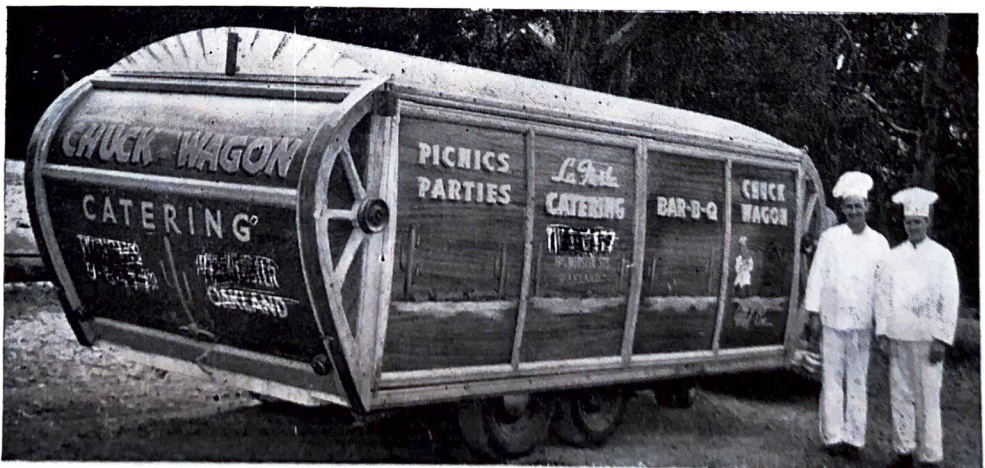
Entry blanks will be available at the Horse Show Office after May 15. M.H.A. members will receive copies in the mail.

Books containing twelve tickets are being printed. These will be sent to M. H.A. members, as in previous years. Members are asked to sell ten tickets at \$1.00 each, and keep the two extra tickets for themselves.

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# BILL PATTEN NAMED MHA DIRECTOR

## Charlie Gray Resigns; Simons Becomes Vice President

With sincere regret the Board of Directors, at its May 4th meeting, accepted the resignation of Vice-President Charles W. Gray. Charlie felt that, due to family illness and the pressure of business, he could not devote sufficient time to his M. H. A. duties.

As chairman of the Membership Committee, assisted by Harold Cummings, Charlie has done an outstanding job: there were 138 more paid-up members by April, 1950, than at the same date last year.

Bill Patten was named unanimously to fill out the remainder of Director Gray's second year on the Board. It will be recalled that Bill received a large number of write-in votes at the M. H. A. election last Fall. The popular owner of Piedmont Stables is well known among horsemen throughout the state, and his experience and good judgment should be a real asset to the M. H. A.

### VICE-PRESIDENT: SIMONS

Gray's resignation left vacant another important post: that of Vice-President. Director Clarence Simons was unani-

mously elected to this office, following his nomination by Kay Walling.

Si is a familiar figure at horse shows, where he exhibits his beautiful registered gelding, Geronimo. Si served as Activities Chairman last year.

The post of Membership Chairman now falls on the broad and capable shoulders of Harold Cummings.

### CALENDAR OF DATES

- May 28—Lari-ettes' Cake Sale, Pinto Ranch, from 12:30 p. m.
- May 30—3rd annual GEORGE DANIELS DAY Trail Ride and Barbecue, free to M. H. A. members only.
- June 1—M. H. A. Open Meeting, theatre of Sun Electric Corp., 11th and Grove, Oakland.
- June 4—Horse Show, Arlington Hills Riding Academy, El Cerrito.
- June 24—M. H. A. 8th Annual Horse Show; for children under 17.
- June 25—M. H. A. 8th Annual Horse Show; for adults.
- July 4—Horse Show, San Pablo.
- July 15, 16—5th Region Eliminations, Fair Grounds, Concord.
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## PIEDMONT STABLES

New boarders welcomed here include Ted Sibert and his pinto, Rusty; Mabel and Mitch Robbins with V-Boy and Panchita; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rezzaghi with their nice pinto and chestnut horses.

Recent good weather has brought Jan Pray and Ysabelle Pfeiffer out several times, as well as Mel Upton and Glen Fisher.

All-weather riders — every week-end, rain or shine—include Harold Knudsen and Ed Gallagher; Harry Peckham is another who comes out nearly every night to ride or groom his pinto stallion, Hidalgo.

Bill Patten's truck was a welcome sight to many a tired horseman, after the M.H.A. trail ride to Crowe Canyon Park. Bill hauled many of his own boarders, as well as other horses, back to the Piedmont.

## SNOW-CLARK STABLES

Boarders here began the horse show season by entering in the recent Lariette show. Included are Miss Marlene Fate, with her sorrel morgan mare, Flicka, and Janet Stone, with her gelding, Cricket, who competed in the trails class.

New boarders include Bill McLintock's mare, Mitze; Frank Davis's gelding, Raider, and Nancy Romwall's year-old filly, Melody.

Snow-Clark Stable has inaugurated night rides: two-and-a-half hour rides to Skyline, with coffee and doughnuts around the open fire upon returning.

## PINTO RANCH

Julie and Nick Nichols and their matched pair of black horses are taking advantage of good weather to explore the trails, as is Molly Struthers with her brand new thoroughbred jumping mare. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their two nice black horses are new boarders.

## CRESSMOUNT

The Oakland Dog Training Club will hold its annual obedience trials at Cressmount on Sunday, May 21.

Riders who will sponsor horses from Cressmount at the Concord Hunter Trials in May are: Dede and Pat Brandes, Karen Anderson, Peggy Day, Linda Lorimer, Janet Scott, Windy Smith, Muriel Ratcliffe, and Deon Stenzel. Juanita Gray will show her mare, Alimony Bay.

Shongehon members have organized a class in dressage, under the instruction of Cornelia Cress.

Upson Downs members were overjoyed to hear that Margo Brewer, the club's first treasurer, had reached Vancouver, where her new home is nearing completion.

James Ormond, now leading a rancher's life near Yreka, reports he does his cow-punching with a Pariani rather than a western saddle.

Willis Nuttall, now located at Oroville, has resumed riding.

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## ... ABOUT NEW MEMBERS OF M.H.A.

IRENE HINDS hails from Castro Valley. She rides with the Boots and Jeans Club.

TRUMAN BROWN rides with the Mounted Unit of the International Footprint Association. He also enjoys hunting as a recreation.

DOUG MURCHISON, who rides with the International Footprint Association, also belong to the Castro Valley Horsemen's Association. Doug finds interest in rodeo photography.

BARBARA S. CLARK owns an American Saddlebred mare named Abigail.

JOHN S. CLARK, together with his wife, Barbara, have the Snow-Clark stables.

MAE JACKSON finds enjoyment in all sports. We understand that she is quite a musician.

### GREETINGS TO NEW JUNIORS

BILL RUSSELL is a Sophomore at Technical High School where he belongs to the riding club.

JERRY HOLM also belongs to the Technical High School Riding Club. He lists his hobbies as stamps, model planes, flying, and horses.

ROBERT HOLM attends Westlake School. Robert makes model airplanes.

JOANE IRENE HASTLEY, who goes to Frick Junior High, rides a half Arabian mare named Becky. She says she likes horses and dogs.

NELSON KENNEDY attends Castle-mont High; is active in the R. O. T. C.

AVEY DAVIS owns a Welsh Pony gelding called Sabu, three years old. Avey attends Oakland High and belongs to the Junior Sports Club.

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## FOOTPRINTERS' CONVENTION

The mounted unit, I. F. A., Chapter 7, met Sunday noon, April 16th, at the Crossroads—in full uniform—to have pictures taken for the program of their International Convention, scheduled for June 14th to 17th in Oakland.

This is one of the newest units in the Oakland area, having been organized just about a year ago. However, in nine appearances last year they returned with seven trophies. Officers are: Eddie Martin, Captain; Don Drysdale, Lieutenant; Burton R. Thomas, President; Gino Angeli, Vice-President; and Martin Huff, Secretary-Treasurer.

First annual festival and entertainment stag will be held Tuesday, May 23rd, in the Municipal Auditorium ballroom: refreshments, 6:30 p. m., show at 8:30 p. m. sharp. Tickets are \$1.50 each.

At least twelve members of this unit were in attendance at the M.H.A. Murietta Overnight Trail Ride.

## AAHMES MOUNTED PATROL

The color guard of the Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol made the flag presentation at the Lari-ettes' first annual horse show on April 15th, where they were awarded a handsome trophy.

The entire unit paraded at the opening ball game of the season at the Emeryville Ball Park, together with other Shrine uniformed units.

Among those who made the Murietta Overnight Trail Ride were: Heber and Dorothy Brown, Fred and Madeline Anderson, Frank and Frances Kelly, Colonel and Martha Adams, Jerry and Cathy Jacobs, Dave and Kay Jones, Dr. Jim Campbell, Archie Brown and Jack Simons.

The men are preparing for a two-day appearance at the Mother Lode Fair in Sonoma, May 13th and 14th.

## BOOTS AND JEANS CLUB

On March 1st at Redwood Lodge, the Boots & Jeans Social Club held their semi-annual election of officers. Lee Pierce of El Cerrito was named president. Other officers: Inspector "Whitey" Deuel, treasurer; Mabel Hower, recording secretary; entertainment committee: Bill Charette, chairman, with Velma Charette and Milton Wallace assisting; Dutch Cummings, reporter; and the man to wield the big stick — sergeant-at-arms — is Lloyd De Rusha.

The entire membership attended the fourth annual dinner dance on March 15th at the Acapulco Club on the Strip.

On March 23rd, the square dance riders got under way on horseback, after a couple of foot drills.

## COMING LARI-ETTE EVENTS

A Cake Sale will be held on Sunday, May 28th, at the Pinto Ranch, beginning at 12:30 p. m. There will be home made cakes testifying to the many talents of these busy horsewomen.

Saturday, June 10th at 7:00 p. m., the Lari-ettes will sponsor a Box Social at Sequoyah Lodge on Mountain Blvd. between Hiker's Rest and Montclair. Each lady attending is to bring a box supper, to be auctioned to the highest bidder. Ladies without escorts are invited. "There will probably be unattached males," the Lari-ettes say confidently.

Members who attended the Napa Valley Horse Show on April 23 were well rewarded. The Western Pleasure Class was won by Black Cat, ridden by Geneva Menicucci. Monte Carlo, ridden by Norma Burton, was second and Miss Cindy, ridden by Joanne Munson, was third. Elsa and Gus Himmelman are the proud owners of Monte Carlo.

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## JUNIOR DANCE NETS \$314

The M.H.A. Jrs. "County Fair Stomp" was a real success, according to Director Kay Walling, with \$314 profit.

At the Directors' Meeting of May 4th, Kay Walling reported that three invitations to drill in neighboring cities had been refused by the Juniors, because of insufficient funds for transportation of horses. Inasmuch as the Junior Drill Team is the only body representing M.H.A. in public appearances, she asked that the Directors consider securing a sponsor to help defray expenses.

## M.H.A. BACKS JUNIOR SHOW

Money was advanced to make preparations for an outstanding horse show at the Harry Rowell Ranch on August 6th. This show would be managed by the M.H.A. Juniors, but it would be a show for adults, with adult entries in almost all classes.

Rodeo events and other exhibition features were discussed. The Rowell Ranch arena and facilities have been donated; there are excellent seating arrangements for crowds of people, and with hearty backing by the senior organization this event is expected to add further to the splendid reputation the Juniors are making for themselves.

Starting off with a bang in new blue-and-white striped shirts and blue hats, the drill team appeared on April 15th at the Lari-ette show. On the following day they drilled at the Concord Junior horse show.

Their next appearance was at the Hayward Rodeo and parade on May 6th, and on May 21 they go to the San Rafael Mission Fiesta parade—certainly a busy schedule for an excellent group of young horsemen.

## RECORD BUSINESS MEETING

The April business meeting brought out 41 Juniors.

Winners in the Membership and Trails Donation Contests for March proved to be one and the same: Bernie Cummings, with four memberships and four trails donations. The prizes: one Kelly riding shirt for each contest, donated by Charles W. Gray and Heber James Brown. Congratulations to Two-Shirt Bernie!

Director Kay Walling announced that the M.H.A. would add \$20 to the Juniors' treasury if they secured 100 memberships in any one month.

A committee was named to consider purchasing a saddle from Don Bentley's Saddle Shop, to be awarded during the juniors' horse show of August 6: Joanne Ratto, Peggy Morrison, Phebe Brown, Janet Phillips and Pat Wirt.

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# REGION 5 ELIMINATIONS JULY 15, 16

## CONVENTION NEWS

CSHA Secretary Ray Stone reported that breeding classes would probably not be included at the Blue Ribbon Show in Palm Springs, because of lack of box stalls. He reported enthusiastically on the beauty of the location and the dramatic Hollywood manner in which Palm Springs handles such events as the horse show.

Members were asked to send in reservations to Bill Grant, Box T, Palm Springs, to be sure of getting accommodations.

Ed Martin was appointed to investigate costs and ways to move horses from the 5th Region to Palm Springs.



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## CONCORD TO BE HOST

Attention, drill teams, gymkhana teams, prospective junior champions, contestants in all events which require regional eliminations before the State Blue Ribbon Show: these eliminations will be held in Concord, at the Fair Grounds, on Saturday and Sunday, July 15th and 16th.

George Cardinet is chairman of the event. He has asked the presidents of all CSHA member organizations to name a representative to his committee.

George Walling urged that groups work on the new quadrangle stake race, inasmuch as it is a good event with great audience appeal. He has offered to help any organization to organize its team.

## REGION 5 DINNER MEETING

Sponsored by El Caballo Volante, junior horsemen of Walnut Creek, the Fifth Region meeting of April 24th brought out a record attendance. Guests included local officials as well as officials of the State Horsemen's Association.

Kent Weaver, chairman of the advisory committee on trails, parks and beaches, reported on the State Trail: Contra Costa, Los Angeles and San Diego Counties now have a rideable State Trail; other counties have considerable work to do.

Cliff Clark, representing the 5th Region on trails, reported that permission had been requested to ask for bids for building the Alameda County trail.

CSHA President Fred Anderson reported 230 clubs, 23,000 members in CSHA. He asked that clubs and members write their representatives in Sacramento, requesting that the Alameda County Trail be dedicated at the County Fair in September.

Ed Zwierlein of the State Trails committee asked organizations to continue their efforts to keep appropriations coming at each session of the Legislature.